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Salutations to SIVA! Whose glory
Is immeasurable, who resembles the sky
In clearness, to whom are attributed
The phenomena of all creation,
The preservation and dissolution
Of the universe! May the devotion,
The burning devotion of this my life
Attach itself to Him, to SIVA, who,
While being lord of all, transcends Himself
In whom Lordship is ever established
Who causes annihilation of delusion,
Whose most surpassing love, made manifest,
Has crowned Him with a name above all names,
The name of "MAHADEVA", the Great God!
Whose warm embrace, of Love personified,
Displays, within man's heart, that all power
Is but a semblance and a passing show,
In which the tempest of the whole past blows,
Past Samskaaras, stirring the energies
With violence, like water lashed to waves;
In which the dual consciousness of "I" and "Thou",
Plays on: I salute that mind stable,
Centred in SIVA, the abode of calm!
Where the ideas of parent and produced,
Purified thoughts, and endless varied forms,
Merge in the Real one; where the existence ends
Of such conceptions as "within", "without" –
The wind of modification being stilled –
That HARA I worship, SIVA!
From whom all gloom and darkness have dispersed;
That radiant Light, white, beautiful
As bloom of lotus white is beautiful;
Whose laughter loud sheds knowledge luminous;

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Who, by undivided meditation,
Is realized in the self-controlled heart
May that lordly Swan of the limpid lake
Of my mind, guard me, prostrate before Him!
Him, the Master-remover of evil,
Who wipes the dark stain of this Iron age;
Who, Daksha's daughter gave her coveted hand;
Who, like the charming water-lily white,
Is beautiful; who is ready ever
To part with life for other's good, whose gaze
Is on the humble fixed, whose neck is blue
With the posion swallowed;
HIM, we salute.

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